

Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes

August 1, 2004

- 2:02pm Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer.
- 12 Traditions read by: Todd S.
- 12 Concepts read by: Todd S.
- Roll Call:

RSC Chair	Henry D.
RSC Co-Chair	<i>Not Present</i>
Secretary	Michele M.
Co-Secretary	<i>Not Present</i>
Treasurer	Dick R.
Co-Treasurer	<i>Position Open</i>
Literature Review	<i>Position Open</i>
H & I	<i>Position Open</i>
PI/Helpline	<i>Not Present</i>
Activities	<i>Not Present</i>
Policy	Nancy O.
Meeting List	Mike S.
Regional Delegate	Jim H.
RD Alt.	<i>Position Open</i>
RCM Beehive	Nancy E.
RCM Bucks Co.	Brian D.
RCM Mont. Co.	Walter E.
RCM Pure & Simple	<i>Not Present</i>

- Quorum met.
- Last month's minutes read and accepted.

Regional Delegate Report: The chair and I attended the Autonomy Zonal Forum yesterday in Baltimore. All six regions were in attendance. The autonomy Zone met at the WSC and came up with a couple of ideas to discuss. The first was the discussion of having a 2006 CAR workshop put on by the regions in the zone. The forum asked that the RD's find out if their respective regions would like to support and help fund such an event. The next topic was region concerns. The chair brought up the issue of insurance. Philadelphia is the only region in the zone that carries insurance. The other regions said that they have had little or no problems with groups and insurance. If a church has asked, they have simply said we cannot afford it. The majority of the churches after discussing it with the group had decided to let it go. In a very small number of instances, the group simply had to move to a facility that has coverage. The Free State Regional Service office now has an online shopping cart where anyone can order and pay for literature online. The web address is www.freestatena.org. The next zonal forum meeting is at the GPRSO on January 29th at 12pm. As always, if anyone has any question about world services or other regions within our zone, don't hesitate to ask.

In loving service, Jim H.

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Subcommittee Reports

Activities: Was not present and did not submit a report.

Meeting List: I have nothing to report. There were no areas present today at subcommittees.

In loving service, Mike S.

PI: PI met at 12pm before region. Present were myself, Damian B – P&S Chair, Maureen P. – Bucks County Chair, Tom F. – Montco Rep., and Jessica – NA member. We will be giving a presentation at the Pennsylvania Institute for Community Living, located in Willow Grove, on Tuesday August 3rd at 9am. Myself, Maureen, and Tom F. will do the presentation. Once again, Pumpkinfest health and recovery fair is October 23rd and 24th from 12pm until 9pm. If anyone wishes to participate, please contact Maureen P. or Damian B. for more info. We will be withdrawing our motion for \$170 and submitting a motion for \$189.80 to be reimbursed to Damian B. for expenditures incurred while establishing the website. There are receipts for all funds. We will be creating a contingency plan for the operation of the website in case of any disaster or catastrophe of any nature. Our target date is September.

In loving service, Tim R.

Policy: We did not meet since last region until today. I did have a policy meeting today. In attendance were the Bucks County Policy Chair and myself. We went over the policy packets that have been approved so far and corrected any errors in spelling and punctuation. We also inserted any addendums that have been passed so far. I now have a computer; my email address is mom-mom72292@comcast.net. Last region I handed out hard copies to all that were present of the 4th and final packet. Anyone that needs a copy, I have some available. The 3rd packet will be voted on today. We will be meeting to put the policy in its correct order; time and dates are not yet decided.

In loving service, Nancy O.

Area Reports

Beehive: We are doing well in the Beehive Area. Our area positions will be voted on this month and hopefully they will all be filled. The answering service is still sending the bill tour P.O. Box, so I have given it to the treasurer. I had several people tell me that they tried to access our new website but it is listed as Pure & Simple. I personally haven't tried, so I don't know for sure. Also when this site is up and running, will we be able to list our events or will only the Activities committee be able to do this? Our regional donation this month is \$198.63. We have approved the policy.

In loving service, Nancy E.

Bucks County: Bucks County Area is doing well. We have one new daytime meeting that started this week, with another Friday night meeting tentatively scheduled to start sometime next month. We had elections. Richard H. is the new

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Area Reports (cont.)

Bucks County (cont.): area chair, Brian D. is RCM, Bobby H. is Policy, Mike O. is Unity, Maureen D. is PI, Debbie is Treasurer, Monique D is Cleansheet, Nancy C. is Meeting List. There are a few open positions. Activities are as follows: Bucks County Unity Committee is sponsoring a campout at French Creek State Park August 13-15, flyers are to be distributed. Also Unity is sponsoring a Day at The Shore on August 28th, and the annual Labor Day Picnic. We have a regional donation of \$300.00.

In loving service, Brian D.

Montgomery County: All is well in the Montco Area. Group attendance is reaching an all time high finally. We have a new meeting that joined the Montco Area. The group is called The Saturday at 4pm Group in Lansdale, PA on Hancock Street at the AA clubhouse. Our donation is \$110.00; Todd will mail it to Dick, due to the check not having a second signature. We're still in the process of formulating our 12-step list with directions.

In loving service, Walter E. / Todd S.

Pure and Simple: *Not present.*

Old Business

- Henry met with the Philly Meeting List Chair to discuss shared services and the meeting list issues. He proposed the "counter offer" with asking for \$0.16 per meeting list with no minimum/maximum quantity restrictions. Their meeting list chair will be bringing this up for discussion with his committee and then the RSC.
- **Motion by Policy** (From June) *to send the 3rd packet of the policy back to the areas for approval. Intent is to have a working policy.* Motion passes (U.)

Treasurer Report

- The treasurer will now be providing a statement and an income/expense report each month to the secretary to be included with the minutes.
- This month's transactions:

Check#	Description	Amount
	Opening Balance	4578.92
	Beehive Donation	198.63
	Pure and Simple Donation	85.70
	Bucks Donation	300.00
	Balance After Donations	5163.25
120	Rent	- 25.00
121	Signius Hotline 6/7/04	- 471.15
122	Reimbursement to Damian B. for website	- 189.80
	Closing Balance	4477.30

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New Business

• **Policy Committee** The chair is requesting that the areas encourage the presence of their area policy chairs at the regional policy subcommittee meeting.

• **Motion by Treasurer** *That the EPARNA Chair, RD, Treasurer, and Meeting List Chair meet with the Philadelphia Region about shared services and come back with a proposal for the RCM's to vote on at the Sept. 11th Region. Intent is to look into the shared services so that EPARNA can better serve the areas.*
Motion passes (7-0-1)

Open Forum

• **Meeting Lists and H&I** Discussion in regards to how meeting lists affect H&I. Many residents of the facilities, when released may find themselves in a different area. It would be ideal to provide them with meeting info that covers the areas in both regions.

• **3:35pm Meeting closes with the Serenity Prayer.**

Regional Services	Subcommittees
September 11 th at 1pm	September 11 th at noon
October 3 rd at 2pm	October 3 at 1pm
November 7 th at 2pm	November 7 th at 1pm
December 5 th at 2pm	December 5 at 1pm

Position Open at Region:

- Co-Treasurer
- RD Alternate
- H&I Chair
- Lit. Review Chair

Announcements:

- * Bucks County is hosting a campout at French Creek State Park August 13th-15th
- * Beehive 70's Dance: August 21st at the Medical Arts Bldg in Kingston, PA
- * Bucks County is hosting a Day at the Shore August 28th, cost is \$20
- * Beehive Campout "Serenity Sleepout": September 3-5 at Rickett's Glen State Park
- * Bucks Co. Labor Day Picnic: Noon to Dusk at Hickory Nut Grove, Tyler State Park
- * Beehive Area 15th Birthday Convention: November 19-21, they still need speakers.
- * New meeting in Montco, "The Saturday at 4pm Group" in Lansdale at the AA Clubhouse on Hancock St.
- * New meeting in Bucks County on Tuesdays in Hulmeville at 12 Noon